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SUBJECT: NYERERE'S REACTION TO SMITH SPEECH

REF: DAR ES SALAAM 3572

1. UK HIGH COMMISSIONER BROWN WAS TOLD BY NYERERE MID-DAY SEPTEMBER 25 (WHEN BROWN RETURNED WITH LONDON MESSAGE CITED REFTEL) THAT NYERERE WAS LEAVING THIS AFTERNOON TO SPEND THE NIGHT IN LUSAKA WITH PRESIDENT KAUNDA, RETURNING TO DAR ES SALAAM EVENING OF SEPTEMBER 26.

2. CALLAGHAN'S MESSAGE TO NYERERE, WHICH BROWN SUMMARIZED FOR ME, EXPRESSED APPRECIATION OF PROBLEMS HE KNEW NYERERE WOULD HAVE WITH SMITH PROPOSAL BUT URGED COOPERATION, FLEXIBILITY, AND SWIFT MOVEMENT TO IMPLEMENT. IT MADE NO MENTION OF CONSTITUTIONAL CONFERENCE BUT OFFERED TO SEND BRITISH "TEAM" TO HELP NEGOTIATE WITH RHODESIANS IF THAT WOULD BE HELPFUL.

3. BROWN WAS ALSO INSTRUCTED TO EMPHASIZE ORALLY IMPORTANCE OF PUBLIC POSITIVE REACTION TO SMITH PROPOSAL ON PART NYERERE AND AFRICANS; NEGATIVE REACTION WOULD CHECK PROGRESS BEING ACHIEVED WITH VORSTER AND SMITH AND SLOW OVERALL MOMENTUM. NYERERE WAS GENERALLY NON-COMMITTAL BUT IMPLIED HE WOULD NOTE ACHIEVEMENTS BUT WOULD HAVE ALSO TO POINT OUT PROBLEMS HE SAW. (ALTHOUGH NOT MENTIONED IN REFTEL, I MADE THIS SAME POINT WITH NYERERE IN OUR CONVERSATION EARLIER THIS MORNING.)

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4. COMMENT: ACCORDING TO HIGH COMMISSIONER BROWN, BRITISH

BELIEVE BEST NEXT STEP IS TO GIVE KAUNDA OPPORTUNITY TRY TO
TURN NYERERE INTO MORE POSITIVE MOOD. SECRETARY MAY WISH
ENCOURAGE THIS ALSO IN SPECIAL MESSAGE TO KAUNDA WHICH WOULD
BE OF MOST USE IF IT COULD REACH LUSAKA BY EARLY EVENING LOCAL
TIME TODAY (SEPTEMBER 25).
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